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Best *of the* Best

When we began our search for the Top 100 Leaders in Technology six months ago, I don't think we appreciated what a task it would be. Hundreds of nominations flooded in and we quickly realised that devising the final list was going to be a welcome challenge – welcome as there are so many talented leaders in technology.

We are proud to present this final list of 100 leaders, innovators and influencers. Each thoroughly deserves their place, yet so many great names had to be excluded. Well done to everyone who was nominated and who knows? Maybe they will make this annual list next year.

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Leaders in Technology

Launched in June, BizClik Media Group is once again celebrating leading individuals that are blazing trails in our industry.

Having published the Top 100 Women in Technology on March 8th – to coincide with International Women's Day – we are now proud to recognise and acknowledge the Top 100 Leaders in Technology.

Nominated by readers of Technology magazine and compiled by our in-house team, the announcement of this extensive list is sure to become a landmark date in the calendar – which takes place this year at the end of Day 1 of Technology, AI & Cyber Live (September 14).

Top 100 list of the leading executives and influencers in the industry will be announced at the event and shared across social media channels and presented in a special supplement that honours all of those named in our annual list.

"The Top 100 Women recognised the incredible and influential women driving our industry," says Scott Birch, Editorial Director, BizClik Media Group. "The success of that initiative encouraged us to recognise the Top 100 Leaders – individuals championing everything that we love about technology and embracing best practice that's good for business."

"We had thousands of nominations and can't wait for the big reveal. No doubt there will be some surprises and everyone who makes the list fully deserves their place, from 1 to 100."

The full list will be unveiled at the end of Day 1 of the show and the special supplement can be accessed online at Technology magazine.

"We had thousands of nominations and can't wait for the big reveal. No doubt there will be some surprises and everyone who makes the list fully deserves their place, from 1 to 100."

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Group CIO
Shell

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Chris Bedi
CTO
Service Now

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Catherine Flamand
CIO
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Dennis Cahill
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Wolters Kluwer

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Zebra Technologies

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Sharon Mandell
CIO
Juniper Networks

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John Morris
CTO
Seagate Technology

"If you look at the large data center use case, flash and disk actually have a symbiotic relationship. You can't scale a large data center without both."

"This is the decade where AI will enhance human abilities and allow us to take our skills and work to a new level."

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Marianna Tessel
CTO
intuit

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Urvashi T.
SVP/CTO
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CIO, Digital Customer
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Zack Hicks
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Enrique Blanco
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Kalyan Kumar
CTO
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Laurence Barthes
CIO
Dassault Systemes

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Alvina Antar
CIO
OKTA

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Rashmi Kumar
CIO
HPE

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Alan Davidson
CIO
Broadcom

"We have a unique opportunity to make pivotal contributions to society through diverse teams. I've witnessed how a multitude of perspectives invariably yields better results."

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Kathryn Guarini
CIO
IBM

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Paul Walsh
Global Chief Digital Officer
Lenovo

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Suresh Venkatarayalu
CTO
Honeywell

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Mike Hayes
CDO
VMware

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Dina Tamimi
Global Vice President,
IoT and Network Security
Palo Alto Networks

Skilled at leading multinational teams, engaging a global customer base, and understanding the nuances of different regions and cultures.

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Bob Bruns
Chief Information Officer
Avanade

Rob is behind Avanade IT being the leading digital innovator in the Microsoft ecosystem, and for delivering technology capability.

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Shobhana Ahluwalia
CIO
Peleton Interactive

She has deep functional and technical expertise in a wide variety of business areas, and business intelligence applications.

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Subha Tatavarti
Chief Technology Officer
Wipro

Her ability to blend technical knowledge, customer centricity and product vision sets her apart.

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James Shira
US Chief Information & Technology Officer
PwC

As well as being responsible for driving PwC's technology goals, he is the PWC Network & US Chief Information Security Officer.

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VInod K
Chief Technology Officer
Infosys

He brings over 25 years of experience in various roles to Infosys as a well-respected IT head and thought leader.

"She is ever hungry to go deep in technology space, understand all the aspects and then apply them to a product vision."

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Jim Swanson
Enterprise CIO
Johnson & Johnson

The visionary IT leader helps companies achieve in the digital world in more than 75 countries.

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Doina Popa
Head of Tech
Uipath

Renowned for being a leader with a continuous growth mindset. She drives real transformation for both companies and individuals.

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Melanie Kalmar
Chief Information Officer
& Chief Digital Officer
Dow

She drives strategy for IT, Digital, business process solutions and analytics that deliver a competitive advantage for Dow.

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Rick Rioboli
Chief Information Officer
Comcast

Significant experience in developing and deploying software solutions, video applications and video delivery systems in large-scale production environments.

"Digital is not just about technology implementation [...] it is about creating solutions and services that help drive innovation and growth."

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Rich McGhee
Chief Technology Officer
Cognizant

Known as a fearless and decisive tech executive with 30 years of experience delivering technology solutions to achieve business goals.

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Kary Bheemaiah
CTIO
Capgemini Invent

We are excited that Kary is a speaker at our live event. The popular speaker has delivered two powerful TEDx talks.

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Prakash Kota
Chief Information Officer
Autodesk

An experienced IT thought leader within Autodesk's global information and technology organisation. The group manages critical technology systems.

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Mark Papermaster
Chief Technology Officer
AMD

His leadership spans technologies from IBM microprocessors and servers, to Apple, and award winning AMD “Zen“ high performance x86 CPU family.

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Jimmy NG
Chief Information Officer
DBS Bank

With 30 years experience in both wholesale and consumer banking with some impressive financial institutes, prior to joining DBS Bank.

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Tanja Rueckert
Chief Digital Officer
Robert Bosch

Her main objectives are to drive the digital transformation for Bosch, the company’s customers and its users.

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Simmi Dhamija
Chief Transformation Officer
Tech Mahindra

Simmi takes responsibility for leading full-scale transformation for Tech Mahindra across multiple dimensions.

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David Thorne
Chief Information Officer
KPMG

Reliable, focused and determined attitude, combined with 25 years experience in financial services prior to a successful career at KPMG.

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Archie Deskus
Chief Information Officer
Intel

She has a record of delivering exceptional results through technology enabled transformations to drive business growth, profit and innovation.

"I have always been fascinated by technology and the way it enhances our lives and enables us to become more productive. This fascination kickstarted my career."

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Kim Anstett
Global CIO
Iron Mountain

A technology leader with experience in development and deployment of global products, enterprise platforms, analytics, digital transformation, and cyber security.

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William Woo
Group CIO
Singtel

Since the 1980s William has always been fascinated by technology, the way it enhances our lives and productivity.

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Anne-Marie Poupart
Chief Information Officer
CGI

An experienced transformation program manager (business and IT) with a strong ability to lead and guide global and multi-functional teams.

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Diane Jurgens
Group CTO & CIO
The Walt Disney Company

Expertise in Telematics, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Cybersecurity, Data Science, Robotics, Machine Learning, IIoT, Advanced Sensors, and Artificial Intelligence.

"The opportunities to make incredible change happen and build a better world are endless."

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Arungalai Anbarasu
Chief Technology & Strategy Officer
Baker Hughes

Baker is one of the 50 most powerful women in technology, and a global business (P&L), transformation & turnaround and thought leader.

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Fletcher Previn
Chief Digital Officer
Cisco

Dedicated to creating a productive computing environment and secure global IT, with 15 years experience with IBM before joining Cisco.

TOP 25

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Sophie Proust

Chief Technology Officer

Atos

Sophie Proust has been the Chief Technology Officer of Atos since January 2019. She joined the Atos group in 2014 following the acquisition by Atos of Bull, where she held the position of Head of Research & Development. At Atos, Sophie was head of the Research & Development for the Big Data & Cybersecurity division, from 2014 to January 2019. Alongside this, Proust is part of the Atos Quantum Advisory board. She has also been a member of the board of directors of Worldline since December 2016.

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Andrea Gallego

Chief Technology Officer

BCG GAMMA

In her role as Global GAMMA CTO, Managing Director and Partner of BCG, Andrea Gallego focuses on AI at scale and building digital and analytic solutions across multiple industries, but primarily in healthcare and financial services. She also created and managed the innovation and engineering team at GAMMA and founded Source AI, GAMMA's first AI/ML software which was acquired by DataRobot. As a female leader in the STEM field, Gallego is a strong supporter and member of Girls Who Code, Women Who Code, the AnitaB.Org foundation and helps run Women in Digital efforts at BCG.

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Hanna Hennig

CIO

SIEMENS AG

Hanna Hennig, Chief Information Officer Siemens AG, enables the digitalisation of the global technology company. Hennig is a passionate technologist and has gathered more than 25 years of experience in IT. She supported and guided various companies in their business and digital transformations, among them Osram, Telefonica O2, E.ON, Robert Bosch and CapeGemini. She studied economics and Japanese studies at the University of Hannover. Hennig is driven by the desire to harness technology to improve the lives of her customers, her staff and the world around her.

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Micheal Nilles

Chief Digital & Information Officer

Henkel

Micheal Nilles has been Henkel's Chief Digital & Information Officer since the end of 2019. In his role, he is responsible for the combined activities in Integrated Business Solutions (IBS) and digital technologies. Nilles has extensive experience in digital transformations for global corporations. He has successfully transformed core industrial businesses and developed new digital business models. Prior to joining Henkel, he was Chief Digital Officer and Chief Information Officer for Schindler Group and CEO of Schindler Digital Business AG. Nilles holds a degree in Business Informatics from the University of Cologne.

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Thomas Mueller

CEO

Impulse Space Propulsion

Before becoming CEO of Impulse Space Production, Thomas Mueller worked for SpaceX for over 16 years. He was a founding employee of SpaceX and is best known for his engineering work on the TR-06 and SpaceX rocket engines. He is considered one of the world's leading spacecraft propulsion experts and holds several United States patents for propulsion. Outside his work at SpaceX, he was a commencement speaker for Loyola Marymount University graduate students in 2013, the year after SpaceX became the first private company to send a cargo payload to the International Space Station.

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Li Cheng
CTO
Alibaba Group

Since December 2019 Li Cheng has been Alibaba's Chief Technology Officer. Prior to joining the company, Li Cheng was the chief technology officer of Ant Group from 2014 to 2019, chief operating officer of Ant Group's global business group from 2018 to 2019, chief software architect of Alipay from 2007 to 2014 and founding engineer of Alipay from 2005 to 2007. In his education, Li Cheng was a doctorate student in computer science, he also holds a master's degree in applied computer studies and a bachelor's degree in computer software.

"As the industry pioneer we are looking to address problems in society that have never been considered before. These challenges will drive technological innovation in China."

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Nagesh Saldi
CIO
Tesla

Having been a part of Tesla for nearly 10 years, Nagesh Saldi has held multiple roles at the electric vehicle giant. Originally, he was Vice President of Engineering where he was responsible for applications and systems for Tesla. Just over 5 years later, Saldi's role changed and he became the company's Chief Information Officer. Saldi has a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration in Strategy, Operations. Previous to Tesla, he served as the Senior Director and Vice President of Applications, Strategy & Planning at HP Inc.

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Cal Henderson

CTO

Slack

Cal Henderson is both CTO and Co-Founder of Slack, a team communications platform. Along with his work with Slack, Henderson has published a best selling book called Building Scalable Websites and “promises' ' he is working on a second edition. In his previous roles, Henderson has worked as Head of Engineering for Flickr at Ludicopr and Yahoo! He was also Director of Technology for EMAP. Slack is not the only company Henderson has co-founded, previously he was also the Co-founder and VP Eng for Glitch, a web-based massively multiplayer game.

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Penelope Prett

CIO

Accenture

In the more than 25 years Penelope Prett has been at Accenture she has held many leadership roles across its client and technology organisations. As chief information officer for Accenture, Prett leads the company’s global IT operations, including the infrastructure, services, and applications that enable Accenture people to work anytime, anywhere to serve clients in more than 120 countries. She also supports the ingenuity of the global IT organisation in unleashing the promise of technology. Prett’s global team is boldly transforming Accenture into a modern and dynamic enterprise.

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Lidia Fonseca

Chief Digital & Technology Officer

Pfizer

Lidia Fonseca is Executive Vice President, Chief Digital and Technology Officer at Pfizer. In her role, she is responsible for enterprise-wide digital, data and technology strategy and solutions, as well as Learning and Development and Business Process Excellence. Previously, Fonseca was the Senior Vice President and CIO at Quest Diagnostics, the world’s leading provider of diagnostic information. She was on ALPFA's 2020 list of the 50 Most Powerful Latinas and named 2020 Healthcare Influencer and 2019 Healthcare Transformer by Medical, Marketing and Media. Fonseca also received Forbes' 2017 CIO Innovation Award.

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Jen Felch
CIO & Chief Digital Officer
Dell

As Chief Digital Officer for Dell, Jen Felch drives the strategy, direction, and delivery for Dell Digital (Dell's IT organisation). Her role, which she has held for just over two years, combines the traditional roles and responsibilities of a CIO, along with the emerging role of 'change agent' for digital transformation. Felch and her team lead in the 'Dell Digital well', a simplified and innovative technological and cultural approach to quickly introducing new products and capabilities that provide Dell with a competitive edge.

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Steve George
CIO
EY

At EY, Steve George is focused on driving the internal technology transformation as the company embeds progressive digital technologies across teams in more than 150 countries worldwide. George himself says he takes pride in his reputation for being a business-orientated technology leader. He also pushes the organisation to develop innovative solutions and services with a clear focus on customer satisfaction and cost performance. Keen to continually better himself, George looks for opportunities to better understand the strategic priorities of EY's business partners and clients.

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Atish Banerjea
CIO
Facebook

Atish Banerjia is responsible for overseeing the global Information Technology function at Facebook. With his team, he is responsible for building and running systems that will help scale Facebook globally to enable the company to continue making the world more open and connected. He also leads the overall global enterprise engineering function to innovate and build corporate infrastructure and IT that connects offices around the world. Banerjea describes himself as a "people-centric global technology executive with a passion for building to solve problems for employees and customers alike."

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Major General JJ Cole
CIO
British Army

Jonathan Cole was commissioned into the Royal Signals on 8 August 1987. After being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the 2008 New Year Honours, he served as commander of the 11th Signal Brigade from 2011 to 2013. It was after this he went on to become Director of Information at Army Command in 2018. In his role as CIO Cole serves as a transformational agent driving digital change and cyber security culture across the Army and is an executive leader on the Army's board.

"In addition to the Defence-wide CIO in the MOD, I believe I am the only other 'proper' CIO in Defence."

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Paolo Juvara
VP of Engineering and CIO
Google Cloud

Software development executive Paolo Juvara has international experience in large and entrepreneurial organisations. The Google Cloud CIO has worked in hands-on product development and design as well as strategy and business operations. Prior to his role at Google Cloud, which he has held for just over 2 and a half years, Juvara worked at cloud platform service, Oracle. In his 13 years at Oracle, Juvara led to Oracle Applications Labs organisation within the R&D department. He has been described as extremely dedicated and loyal to his work by his colleagues.

TOP

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Jo-Ann de Pass Olsovsky

CIO

Salesforce

Olsovsky's team leads the global IT for Salesforce core, Mulesoft, Tableau and Slack. It focuses on customer experience and employee experience. It is also active in industry collaboration and partnerships positioning for global scale.

Previously, Olsovsky led technology teams as CIO BNSF Railway (10 years) and prior to this, held various leadership functions in the telecommunications / networking industries (AT&T, GTE, Verizon).

She is an active customer board member and previously advisory board member at TCU and the FTW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She was a board member and chair of the board for Railinc Corp. Olsovsky has numerous industry recognitions for technology and community related work.

09

Greg Pavlik

CTO-Platform as a Service & Senior VP

Oracle

Pavlik is responsible for product strategy, the technical roadmap and solution architecture initiatives. His primary focus is on data integration, big data, and event streaming data science. His goal is to ensure Oracle has the most capable and performant platform in the market for end-to-end solutions in the cloud.

In the past Mr. Pavlik was Principal Architect at HP, Inc. and Senior Architect at Bluestone Software, Inc. (a subsidiary of HP, Inc.), Vice President-Product Development at Oracle America, Inc. and Chief Products Officer at Hortonworks, Inc.

"Most organisations are seeing only a fraction of the enormous potential of their data."

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Florian Roth
CIO
SAP

Roth reports directly to Christian Klein, the Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Executive Board. He represents the SAP Intelligent Enterprise Solutions (IES) organisation internally. Externally he is a trusted advisor and is responsible for the SAP IT strategy and its execution. Under the umbrella of SAP Runs SAP, Florian's attention as CIO is on leading IES as a critical component of the SAP value proposition and is at the core of enabling and delivering operational efficiency.

Essential programs initiated by Florian and his team drive the harmonisation, standardisation and automation of standard processes, systems and data.

"We have that empathy for what people are going through."

07

Cynthia Stoddard
CIO and Senior VP
Adobe

Stoddard oversees Adobe's global Information Technology & Cloud Operations teams and spearheads global strategy for delivering services and operations.

She has more than 25 years of business experience and IT expertise leading large global organisations in supply chain, retail, and technology development. Before joining Adobe in 2016, she was chief information officer and senior vice president at data storage and management company NetApp.

Stoddard received the CIO 100 Award in 2017 and 2018 for Adobe IT's innovative ways to deliver business value.

06

Jane Connell
CIO
Verizon

Jane Connell is SVP & CIO to the Corporate Systems Group. Connell reports to Shankar Arumugavelu, Global CIO at the $128B communications, information and entertainment company. Previously, she was SVP & Corporate CIO at State Street Bank. Earlier she spent 28 years at Johnson & Johnson, most recently as the Senior Vice President & Corporate CIO. Connell holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration and Management from Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ and a Bachelor of Science at Rider University.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

05

Ben Fried
CIO
Google

Fried's main role has been to create a new vision for IT that he describes as a functionally diverse, but engineering-centered organisation, that differentiates by using Google's products engineering disciplines to build breakthrough solutions to enterprise problems. Fried is also the leader of the company's Internet Domains-related businesses, Google Registry and Google Domains.

Previous to this he was Managing Director at Morgan Stanley in application infrastructure for e-commerce and intranets. He was a Windows and Mac systems engineer at Unix previous to his role at Morgan Stanley, as well as a User Services Consultant and Unix Systems Programmer at Columbia University.

04

Kevin Scott

Group CIO & Executive VP, Technology and Research

Microsoft

Scott's 20-year career has spanned both academia and industry; as a researcher, engineer and leader.

Prior to joining Microsoft, he was senior vice president of engineering and operations at LinkedIn, where he helped build the technology and engineering team, and led the company through an IPO and six years of rapid growth.

Previously he oversaw mobile ads engineering at Google, including the integration of its $750 million acquisition of AdMob. At AdMob, Scott was responsible for engineering and operations for the platform's mobile monetisation. Before AdMob, Scott held leadership positions at Google in search and ads engineering, helping with its early efforts establishing remote engineering centres.

03

Beate Hofer

Group CIO

Volkswagen

Hofer is acting CIO of the Volkswagen Group having had a long career within automobile manufacturing. She started at VW in 1991 in the business processes department and went on to become assistant to the then company CIO in 1995.

She became Head of Marketing for Gedas Telematics in Berlin and then Gedas Brazil in San Paulo, where she was in charge of the E-Commerce Competence Centre.

In 2001 she returned to Volkswagen working on e-business infrastructure, client services, IT projects for procurement and procurement planning. In 2016 she took over the management of information security and became Group CIO this March.

02

"Newly founded in 2011, we have nothing on-premise. Everything is in the cloud, which is extremely refreshing."

Harry Moseley
Global Group CIO
Zoom

In December 2017, Moseley was ready for retirement, having achieved more than most CIOs over the course of his career. He had successful tenures at Blackstone and KPMG for more than a dozen years.

Then Zoom Video Communications came calling and the company's CEO Eric Yuan convinced Moseley to come out of retirement to become the company's first ever CIO. Moseley investigated the culture and found it aligned with his own orientation and values. On top of this, Moseley recognised Zoom was on a path to grow to the scale that he had already seen, and he recognised he could contribute to the planning necessary - in order to grow more smoothly.

Before joining Zoom and working at Blackstone and KPMG, Moseley had a solid career with multiple financial services organisation;, such as the Union Bank of Switzerland, Credit Suisse First Boston, and Mantas.

Moseley possesses strong financial industry experience covering application development and infrastructure across all Zoom's products and platforms globally. He has successfully monetised proprietary technology and identified investment opportunities during his time at the video conferencing giant, and has a proven track record in building technology teams to partner with business leaders.

Moseley's specialties are many and varied and include financial services, trading, sales, research, asset management, wealth management, architecture, strategy, purchasing, contract negotiation, infrastructure operations, market data and web presence.

He holds a BA/BAI in Engineering, Maths and Computer Science from Trinity College, Dublin.

01

"By using continuous configuration to react to changes in real-time, you are building your capability for when opportunities arise."

Werner Vogels
CTO and VP
Amazon

Vogels is in charge of driving technology innovation within the company. He joined Amazon in September 2004 as the director of systems research. He was named chief technology officer in January 2005 and VP in March of that year.

After his mandatory military service that he served in the Dutch navy, Vogels studied radiology, diagnostics and therapy. He worked at the Netherland Cancer Institute from 1979 until 1985. In 1985 he returned to university to study computer science. After that he pursued a career in computer science research.

From 1991 through to 1994, Vogels was a senior researcher at INESC in Lisbon. In 1994 he was invited to join the computer science department of Cornell University as a visiting scientist. From 1994 until 2004, Vogels was a research scientist at the Computer Science Department of Cornell University. He mainly conducted research in scalable reliable enterprise systems. He is the author of many conference and journal articles, mainly on distributed systems technologies for enterprise computing systems.

In 1997 he co-founded a company called Reliable Network Solutions, Inc. which possessed U.S. patents on computer network resource monitoring and multicast protocols. He became the VP and CTO.

In 2008, it became evident that Vogels was one of the architects behind Amazon's approach to cloud computing (AWS). During that year Vogels was continuously on the road to promote cloud computing and AWS and its benefits to the industry.

He has been recognised with several high profile awards over the years.

To all the Leader who were nominated and took part in the Top 100 Leaders in Technology...

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